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SITUATION REPORT NO. 26

SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 0600 (EDT), JULY 29

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. NATO: ACTING AT THE INSTANCE OF THE GREEK PERMREP AND
DESPITE HIS OWN OBJECTIONS, SYG LUNS CALLED A 1100 (EDT)
COUNCIL MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. HOWEVER,
THE GREEKS SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED THAT THE SESSION BE
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED AFTER ASCERTAINING THAT HIGH LEVEL
US AND UK OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS COULD NOT ATTEND ON SUCH
SHORT NOTICE. IN INFORMING AMBASSADOR TASCA OF THE GREEK
MOVE, THE RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN ATHENS AS-
SERTED THAT THE TURKISH POSITION IN GENEVA IS INTRANSIGENT

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AND NON-NEGOTIABLE. IN WASHINGTON THE GREEK AMBASSADOR

IS PRESSING FOR HIGH-LEVEL US REPRESENTATION AT THE DELAYED MEETING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS: UN REPORTS LITTLE ACTION DURING THE NIGHT. A SMALL VILLAGE PASSED BY TURKISH FORCES DURING EARLIER ATTACKS ON AYIOS EPIKTITOS WAS ATTACKED AND SECURED BUT REMAINDER OF THE ISLAND QUIET. TURKISH VESSELS REPORTEDLY OFF KYRENIA THIS MORN-

ING AS TURKISH RESUPPLY AND REINFORCEMENT CONTINUES AS DO RUMORS OF SIMILAR GREEK MOVES BUT LATTER ARE UN-VERIFIED AND LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTS OF WISHFUL THINKING AMONG GREEK CYPRIOTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING: THE SOVIET DRAFT RESOLUTION GOT NO SUPPORT AND WAS NOT FORMALLY INTRODUCED BUT, DESPITE RELUCTANCE OF MOST MEMBERS, COUNCIL SCHEDULED RECONVENE 1500 (EDT) JULY 29. FOREGOING EARLIER INTENTION GREEKS DID NOT JOIN IN REQUEST FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, AS ATMOSPHERE IN GENEVA SEEMED SOMEWHAT IMPROVED AT THE TIME. UK PERMREP EXCORIATED SOVIETS FOR CALLING MEETING SUNDAY EVENING TO HEAR "PROPAGANDA DISTRIBUTED THIS AFTERNOON IN MOSCOW." AMBASSADOR BENNETT REPORTS ONE SOVIET AIM IS TO HAVE SPECIAL SECURITY COUNCIL MISSION SENT TO CYPRUS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ECEVIT/KARAMANLIS: PRESS REPORTS QUOTE PM ECEVIT AS SAYING HE HAS PROPOSED A MEETING WITH GREEK PM KARAMANLIS TO MOVE THE GENEVA TALKS ALONG. ECEVIT REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMEN IN ANKARA THAT THE GREEK SIDE ALSO BELIEVES A MEETING COULD BE POSSIBLE AND USEFUL BUT THAT NO TIME HAS BEEN SET. RUMORS ARE SAID TO BE WIDESPREAD IN ATHENS THAT KARAMANLIS IS PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR GENEVA TO MEET WITH HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. GENEVA: ANKARA IS DRAGGING ITS FEET ON THE KEY PARAGRAPH (RE TROOP WITHDRAWAL) IN A DRAFT DECLARATION TO WHICH THE NEGOTIATORS HAD EARLIER AGREED AD REFERENDUM. GREEK FM MAVROS IS TELLING NEWSMEN THE TALKS ARE SECRET

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AT IMPASSE, AND SECRETARY OF STATE CALLAGHAN HAS REPORTED IN A FLASH CABLE THAT THE BRITISH AND GREEKS HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF CONCESSIONS, THE TURKS HAVE BEEN INTRANSIGENT AND "WE CAN'T GO ON MUCH LONGER LIKE THIS." THE TEXT TO WHICH THE GREEK AND TURKISH FMS HAD TENTATIVELY AGREED CALLED FOR: 1) A CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES; 2) UNFICYP-SECURED BUFFER ZONES; 3) EVACUATION OF TURK CYPRIOT ENCLAVES BY GREEK CYPRIOT

FORCES; 4) UNFICYP PROTECTION IN MIXED VILLAGES;
5) EXCHANGE OR RELEASE OF DETAINEES; 6) WITHDRAWAL
OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL OTHER THAN THOSE ALLOWED
BY TREATY OR UN AUTHORIZATION "WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE
DELAY," AND FURTHER TALKS TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 353 AND REESTABLISH CONSTITUTIONAL LEGITIMACY
WITH THE TURK CYPRIOT VICE-PRESIDENT ASSUMING VETO FUNC-
TIONS PROVIDED UNDER THE 1960 CONSTITUTION.

BUFFUM REPORTS CALLAGHAN HAS PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE LAN-
GUAGE CALLING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE "EVENTUAL DEMILI-
TARIZATION OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE DESIRABILITY OF ELAB-
ORATING MEASURES WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE TIMELY AND
PHASED REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF ARMED FORCES AND A-
MOUNT OF ARMAMENTS" ON THE ISLAND. BUFFUM ADDS HE IS
SEEKING DELETION OF THE DEMILITARIZATION REFERENCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE HE HAS RECEIVED EARLIER.
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